

# Troubleshooting the 2016 February Primary

## **Proof of Residence & Proof of Identification:**

- We can never stress enough the difference between registration/POR and voting/Photo ID.
- The proof of identification picture guide is not and cannot be “all inclusive.”
- Refer to the written category lists to determine where the POR or POI “fits.”
- The address does not have to be current on the proof of identification. It does have to be current on the proof of residence.
- The two inspectors managing the poll list must both view the proof of identification.
- The two election inspectors do not need to compare the signatures. They are not handwriting experts.
- No proof of residence = no provisional ballot. No proof of residence, no registration (except in the case of someone who registered by mail prior to April 4, 2014 and did not include POR; marked POR Required on poll list).
- There are military IDs that are acceptable proof of identification that do not have an expiration date. Retired military IDs are a good example of military IDs that may not have an expiration date, but are still valid for voting purposes (or may read: “Expires: Indefinite.”
- Out of state driver licenses cannot be used as POR or POI.

## **Voting Process:**

- Presenting a photo ID does not substitute for the voter stating his or her name and address. This is required by law and is not new.
- Voters must sign the poll list unless they are physically unable to.
- Election inspectors can ask a voter to remove their ID from wallet if they can’t see it.
- Voters must be offered a provisional ballot if they do not have an ID for voting purposes with them at the time of their visit to the polling place on Election Day.

## **Voting Equipment:**

- There needs to be extra attention given to new voting equipment to ensure that inspectors know how to operate it. Both accessible voting equipment and tabulation equipment should be included in this training.
- Have the vendor’s phone number available in case there is a problem with the equipment.
- The accessible voting equipment must be in the same room as the voting area and turned on.

## **Election Workers:**

- Have some backup chief inspectors and election inspectors in case of an emergency!
- Make sure you have adequate staff during upcoming high turnout elections. Consider greeters and Election Day SRDs.
- Have a current Election Day Manual at the polls.

**Polling Place Issues:**

- Make sure the doors to the polling area remain unlocked past 8 pm until all election-related activity has concluded.
- In the event of inclement weather, make sure you have arranged for snow and ice removal at all of your polling places.